

URI Outreach Center

## EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS at the RWP Botanical Center

See course brochure for additional information on registration and classes.

### “What’s Bugging My Plant?”

*Dr. Larry Englander*

**Tue: Sep. 25 2:00pm – 4:00pm \$20**

No garden is without its bugs and no plant is without an occasional sick looking leaf. But how do you know which bugs are harmless and which ones will eat your plants down to a bare stem? Plant Pathologist Larry Englander will id and discuss the insect pests and disease pathogens that most commonly affect home landscapes. You will learn the signs and symptoms of an infection or infestation along with the best management strategies to help preserve the integrity and health of your garden. **Code: 7FLE1**

### “URI Fall Gardening School”

*Rosanne Sherry, David Hughes, Jo-Ann Bouley*

**Every Thu: Sep. 27- Nov.15 6pm– 8:00pm \$150**

If you’re looking to learn the basics about all aspects of gardening and yard maintenance, then this is the course for you! The knowledgeable and experienced staff of the URI CELS Outreach Center will give you the info you’ll need to handle everything from lawns and turf maintenance, to soils and veggie gardens, to fertilizers and the most sustainable perennial plants for your beds and borders. **Code: 7FCEC1**

### “Smart Pruning Practices For Ornamental Trees & Shrubs”

*Nick Castrataro*

**Sat: Oct. 13 1:00pm-3:00pm \$25**

Correct pruning is one of the most essential of all maintenance practices for trees and shrubs in the home landscape. This workshop will cover all the basic principles of pruning including routine maintenance, plant response, shaping, thinning, wound management and dead wood removal, correct cuts, and using the right tools for the job. Various techniques and outcomes will be demonstrated on a rain-or-shine "walk-about" tour of the surrounding landscape. **Code: 7FNC1**

### “The Best Perennial Gardening Practices”

*Linda Justin*

**Sun: Oct. 14 2:00pm – 4:00pm \$25**

Perennials are the show-stoppers of the garden with their ability to provide color, texture, and form to the home landscape throughout the growing season. Linda will teach you everything you need to know to create and maintain your own perennial paradise. Topics range from soil/bed preparation and basic design principles to plant selection and installation. This valuable information will help you to make and maintain beautiful perennial gardens that will look fabulous from year-to-year. **Code: 7FLJ1**

### “Six Steps to Easy Rose Gardening”

*Rhode Island Rose Society*

**Wed: Oct.17 6:30pm – 8:00pm \$15**

Do you love roses? Get the tried and true methods for establishing and keeping healthy, lush roses from the expert members of the RI Rose Society. You will learn everything you need to know about these special plants from plant selection, proper planting techniques, soil/sun/water/fertilization requirements, as well as insect and disease control. **Code: 7FRS1**

### **“Growing Carnivores and Orchids Together”**

*John Phillip, Jr.*

**Fri: Oct. 19 1:00pm – 2:30pm \$15**

Growing orchids and carnivorous plants together as houseplants? It's not as hard as you might think here in southern New England. Strategies for growing plants in the home and specific plants that work well together will be reviewed. As an added bonus, your fee includes a 1 yr membership in the New England Carnivorous Plant Society!

**Code: 7FJP2**

### **“Gardening with Children”**

*Catherine Cote*

**Sat: Oct. 20 10:00am – 12:00pm \$15** Soil and seeds and worms and weeds! Even the smallest garden can provide plenty of opportunity for fun and learning for adults and children alike. This talk will include tips for working with different age groups, planting an outdoor garden with children in mind, exploring wildlife in the garden, building easy outdoor garden structures, and indoor gardening projects. Whether you are a parent, grandparent, teacher, or mentor, this presentation will offer plenty of info for sharing the joys of gardening with children. **Code: 7FCAC1**

### **“Orchids for Beginners”**

*Rhode Island Orchid Society*

**Sat: Oct. 27 12:00pm – 2:00pm \$45 (includes a materials fee)**

Everyone is fascinated by the beauty of orchids and would love to have a few of these special plants in their homes. However, many people are intimidated by rumors that they are difficult to grow – not so if you have the right information! In this workshop you will learn all the basics of orchid culture from potting to fertilizing. Each participant will take home a quality, mature, blooming orchid of their own and a wealth of information to keep their plants healthy and beautiful for years to come. **Code: 7FOS1**

### **“Gardening with Wildflowers”**

*Karen Asher*

**Sun: Oct. 21 1:00pm – 2:00pm \$15**

Gardeners with all levels of experience will find this program entertaining, educational and inspiring. The presentation features Rhode Island wildflowers and demonstrates how you can create a succession of colorful blooms from early spring to late fall with wildflowers that are suitable for many habitats. Join us and learn how to include more native plants in your garden! **Code: 7FKA1**

### **“Planting for Success”**

*Dr. Brian K. Maynard*

**Sat: Oct. 27 9:00am-12:00pm \$20**

The most beautiful, easy-care home landscapes often result from the use of plants that are naturally hardy in our tough New England climates. This class will cover current thoughts and practices regarding the selection, planting and overall management of trees and shrubs to ensure long-lasting, sustainable landscapes. Included is a rain-or-shine tour of the Botanical Center landscape where you will see live examples of the plants, principles and techniques covered during lecture. **Code: 7FBM1**

### **“Plant Adaptations”**

*John Phillip, Jr.*

**Sat: Oct. 28 1:00pm – 2:30pm \$15**

This class will have some fun looking at the different ways plants adapt and change to fit different ecological niches in the world. Plants that eat insects, plants that house insects, plants that grow where you'd least expect them and more, will be discussed. Live plants from around the world will be used for the discussion and demonstration.

**Code: 7FJP1**

### **“How to Create a Native Plant Garden Even in an Urban Area”**

*Cheryl Cadwell*

**Sat: Nov. 3 10:00am – 11:00am \$15**

The use of native plants in a garden does not always mean wild and limited. Let Cheryl introduce you to plants and techniques you can use to create a lovely and sustainable garden. Learn how to incorporate a mixed border concept using perennials and woody ornamentals that are well adapted for all types of growing conditions. Using native plants does not mean no-work gardening, but by choosing the right plants you can create a landscape that is easily maintained and environmentally friendly. **Code: 7FCHC1**

### **“Go Indoors With The Carnivores!”**

*Dr. Kenneth Sicard*

**Sun: Nov. 18 2:00pm - 3:30pm \$25 (includes materials)**

Although carnivorous plants have many times been described as “creepy” or “savage”, they hold a unique fascination by both children and adults alike for their propensity to trap and digest insects for nutrition. Ken Sicard will introduce you to these botanical wonders and show you how easy it is to cultivate and maintain them indoors. Each participant will go home with a specimen plant and with instructions to successfully raise his or her own little “carnivore” indoors. This lecture is suitable for all age groups. **Code: 7FKS1**

### **“Cool Plants for Shady Gardens”**

*Russ Bragg*

**Tue: Nov. 13 7:00pm - 8:30pm \$20**

Are you trying to grow flowers on the north side of a city brownstone? Or perhaps you're planning a garden for that new dream house in the woods? Russ Bragg will show you a palette of perennials, ferns and groundcovers suitable for shady locations. He will examine the nature of shade, give tips for dealing with soil and moisture problems, and will introduce many examples of the best shade plants to brighten and add interest to that less-than-sunny area of your yard. **Code: 7FRB1**

### **“Everything You Ever Wanted To Know About Orchids, But Were Afraid to Ask!”**

*Rhode Island Orchid Society*

**Sat: Nov. 24 10:00am –12:00pm \$45 (includes materials fee)** Have you attempted to get your orchids to rebloom and have been unsuccessful? Confused about when and how to repot and what media to use? In this talk you will learn the finer points of orchid care and the “secrets” used by professionals. You will take home a mature blooming orchid to add to your collection along with the knowledge and confidence to try new varieties and be on your way to becoming an orchid master! **Code: 7FOS2**

### **“Five Part Container Gardening Series”**

*Priscilla Purinton*

**Wed: Sep. 19, 26 Oct. 3, 10 Nov. 7 7:00pm - 8:30pm \$35 per class OR \$150 for all five**

Each class includes a demonstration and discussion of building the container garden. Students will receive a list of appropriate plants as well as a DVD showing basic container gardening techniques (limit one DVD per student regardless of number of classes taken). On-line support for container gardening questions will be included for 12 months.

Butterfly and Hummingbird Garden - Sep. 19: Many of our "fragile friends" are migrating in the early fall and are grateful for a container garden that offers them a meal. Learn how to create a garden that will draw them to your patio or balcony. **Code: 7FPP2**

Fall Container Garden - Sep. 26: Has the heat got you beat? Plant a container garden that shouts “Fall” with frost tolerant plants that provide colorful foliage lasting into November. **Code: 7FPP3**

Tropical Foliage Container Garden - Oct. 3: With a variety of leaf colors, shapes and sizes, who needs flowers? Learn how to create indoor gardens, both large and small, to beautify your home during the winter months.

**Code: 7FPP4**

Bog Container Gardens- Oct. 10: Are you an overwaterer? An underwaterer? Then you need to try an easy care bog garden! Find dramatic and beautiful plants that enjoy wet feet...including carnivorous plants! **Code: 7FPP5**

Winter Container Garden - Nov. 7: Learn 3 approaches to container gardens that will look beautiful with a dusting of snow. Evergreen / deciduous trees, shrubs, branches, berries, twigs and cones will let you enjoy your outside view even when you are cozy inside. **Code: 7FPP6**

**PLEASE NOTE: If you choose to register for all 5 classes, use the course code: 7FPP1**

### **“Time Out Tuesdays”**

*Mary Beth Miller*

Tue: **Sep. 25 Oct. 16 Nov. 13 or Dec. 11**

**Choice**

**of AM session = 10:00am - 12:00 pm OR PM session = 2:00-4:00pm**

**\$35 per class** *NOTE: the fee is for a single class, morning or afternoon on one of the dates listed.*

Juggling work, family and caring for others? Retreat to the Garden and take time out for yourself. In this workshop a trained horticultural therapist will show you how to reduce stress and increase well-being through a connection with gardens and nature. Take time out of your busy day to enjoy this 2 hour relaxing experience that features different themes and includes a hands-on activity.

### **Codes for each Session:**

Sep 25 - AM: 7FMM1 PM: 7FMM2

Oct 16 - AM: 7FMM3 PM: 7FMM4

Nov 13 - AM: 7FMM5 PM: 7FMM6

Dec 11- AM: 7FMM7 PM: 7FMM8